

### REMARKS

All prior rejections have been withdrawn. However, new rejections have been made based on a newly cited document.

Claims 35 and 52 have been amended. Claims 26, 28-30, 34, 37-39 and 49 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 50-52 have been added. No new matter has been added by virtue of the new claims. For instance, support for the amendment and new claims appears in the original claims of the application.

It is believed the objection to claim 34 has been obviated by the amendments made herein.

Claims 26, 28-30, 34-39, 41-43 and 49 were newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 over newly cited Bantu (U.S. Patent 6,072,006). The rejection is traversed.

Applicants pending independent claims 35 and 52 are method claims that call for exposing with radiation having a wavelength of about 193 nm. This is a preferred aspect of Applicants' invention as discussed e.g. at page 3 of the present application.

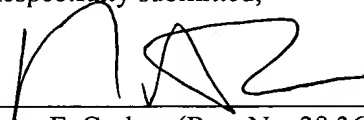
Nowhere does the cited Bantu disclose such methods or imaging with 193 nm radiation. Indeed, note the examples of Bantu, which only report imaging with 248 nm radiation.

In view thereof, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested. See, for instance, *In re Marshall*, 198 USPQ at 346 ("[r]ejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 are proper only when the claimed subject matter is identically disclosed or described in the prior art.").

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It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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